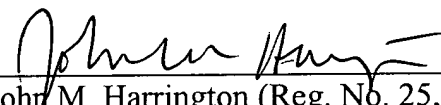


**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully traverse the Election/Restrictions requirement on the grounds that searching each of the inventions defined by the Examiner would not be a serious burden on the Examiner. As required, in response to the Election/Restrictions requirement, Applicants elect for further examination the invention considered by the Examiner to be set forth in Group I, comprising claims 1-25 and 44-68 in the application, and claims 26-43 and 69-86 identified by the Examiner as Group II are cancelled without prejudice. The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (336) 607-7318 to discuss any questions relating to the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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